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OOKIKU FURIKABUTTE Announcement

Sorry for being so matter-of-fact!!

Hello. I'm taking a break for a while again.
It's the same reason as last time,
but advanced age is advanced age (I'm a bit over Tajima-mama's childbirth's age)
The doctor also told me a few things, so I'm being cautious until everything ends safely.
Well, compared to the first child, my belly is so huge; it feels twice the size. With my first child, somehow I was able to work up until 2 days before the birth. So this time too, I had planned on having extra time, but even though there's still a month and a half until the expected date, this month I was wheezing quite hard while drawing. Giving birth to the first and second child is quite different, huh...

For that reason, we'll part for a short time, but please, please, I hope you won't forget about Nishiura and their rival high school students.

Take care until the day
we can meet again!!

Higuchi Asa

Thank you for always supporting me!
I'm taking a break from serialization because of the circumstances mentioned above. But don't worry. I'll work hard at gathering material and developing the manga plot. The serialization is scheduled to resume July 2017, but we'll announce it in the magazine as soon as it's settled! I plan to proceed so that the new volumes can be released at the same time the serialization resumes, but please look for the latest information in this magazine!
For now, please continue to enjoy reading!

THANKS TO SAKURA'S HOMER, WE CAN FACE ISHINAMI WITHOUT RUNNERS
PAT
PAT
IN SAKI-TAMA'S LINEUP, THE FIRST THREE BATTERS GET ON BASE
IN THE VIDEO WE SAW HIM PULL INSIDE BALLS
AND THEN THEY SCORE WITH EITHER THE FOURTH OR FIFTH BATTER
FIRST WE'LL PROBE HIM
Nishiura
GULP
GRIP

Higuchi Asa

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OOKIKU FURIKABUTTE

KLINK
NOOOO

5
TAP

HE HAS THICK ARM MUSCLES BUT DOESN'T COME OFF AS SCARY
PLAY!
HE SWUNG AT A BALL OUTSIDE FROM THE FIRST PITCH
HE DOESN'T FEEL BAD ABOUT OUTSIDE PITCHES?

4

STRIKE ZONE!
ストライク

HE SWUNG AT A BALL
NEXT IS

CURVE
IN THE
LI
FT

STRIKE!
THWAP
TWITCH

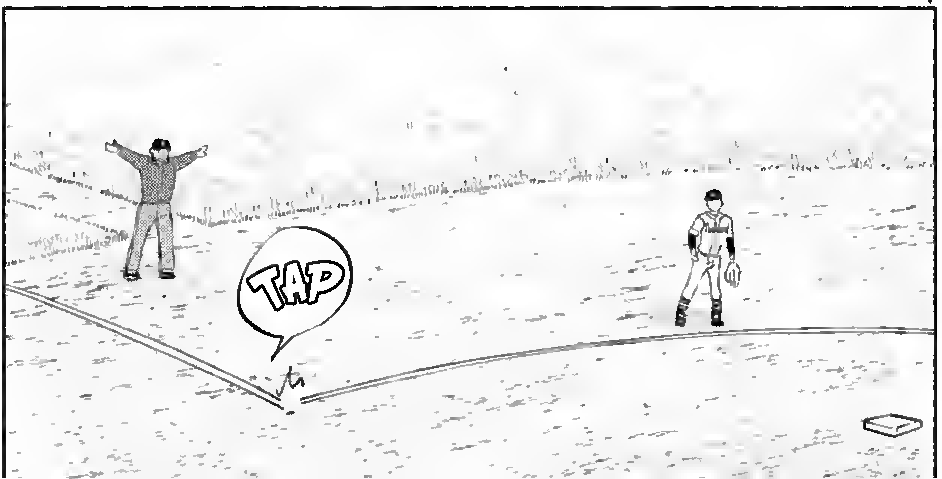
SHUU-TO
NEXT,
CLENCH
Nishiura

HE'S NOT SWING-ING AT INSIDE PIT-CHES?
WHAT?
TOSS

SMACK
TWIST

TOSS
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
AH I MIS-SED
BALL
STEP
PAT PAT
ONCE MORE, OUT-SIDE

TW
OUT-SIDE!
1
WIND UP
SLOW CURVE-BALL
CLANG


TAP

IN-
SIDE
WIND
Nishiura
UP
IS HE WATING FOR AN OUT-SIDE PITCH?
PAT
PAT
WELL, IT'S ILLOGICAL TO CONCLUDE HE LIKES INSIDE PITCHES AFTER SEEING ONLY ONE MATCH

SLIDER!
SWOO
SH

CL
ANG
Nishiuu

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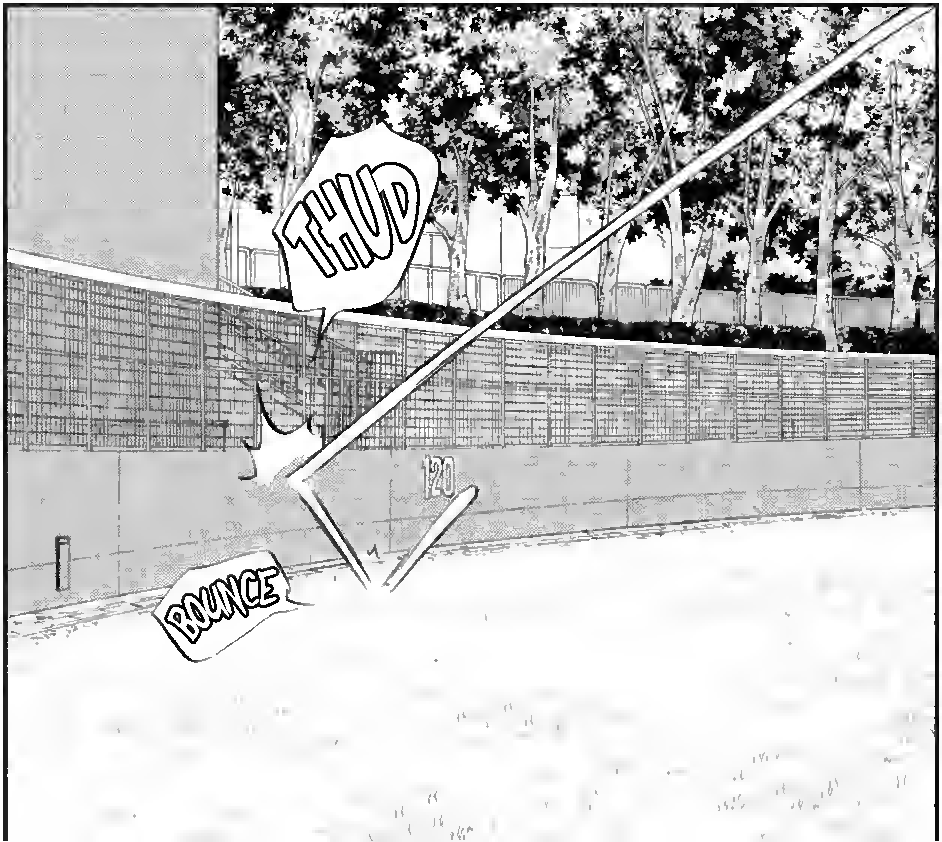
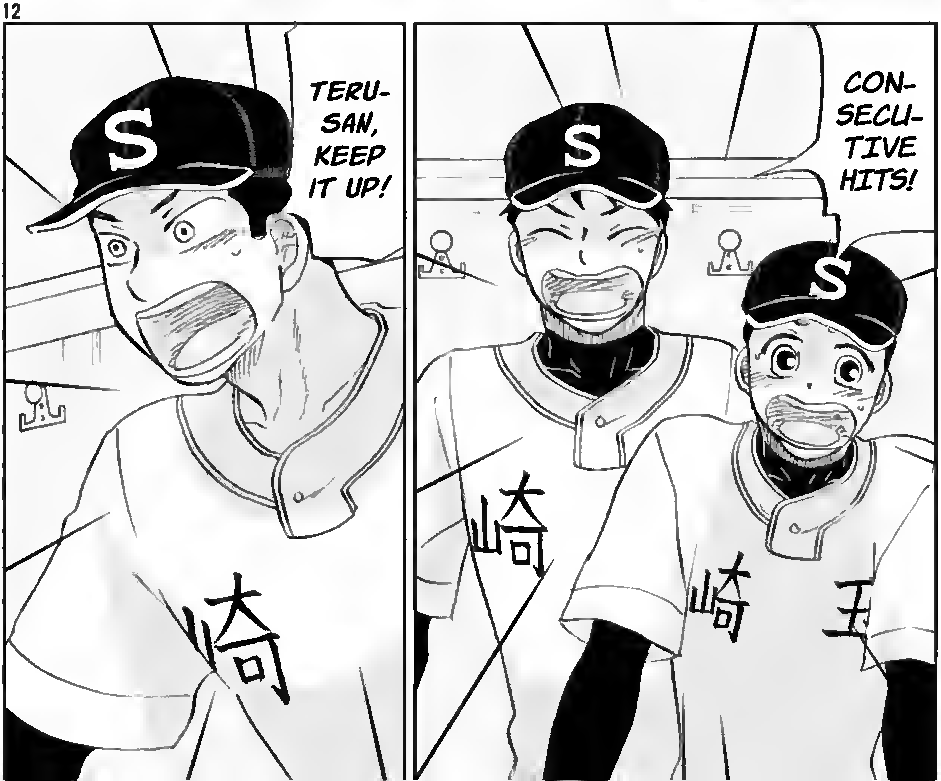


SLIDE
STOMP
STOMP
6
王

KYAAA
NICE BAT-TING !!
S

WE'LL HAVE TO BE EXTRA CAREFUL WITH THEIR 5TH BATTER
YEAH!
THE BATTED BALL WAS AWFULLY FAST!
SO HE DID HIT AN INSIDE PITCH!
HE DUPED US!
Nishiura


TERU-SAN, KEEP IT UP!
CON-SECU-TIVE HITS!
S
崎
奇
王

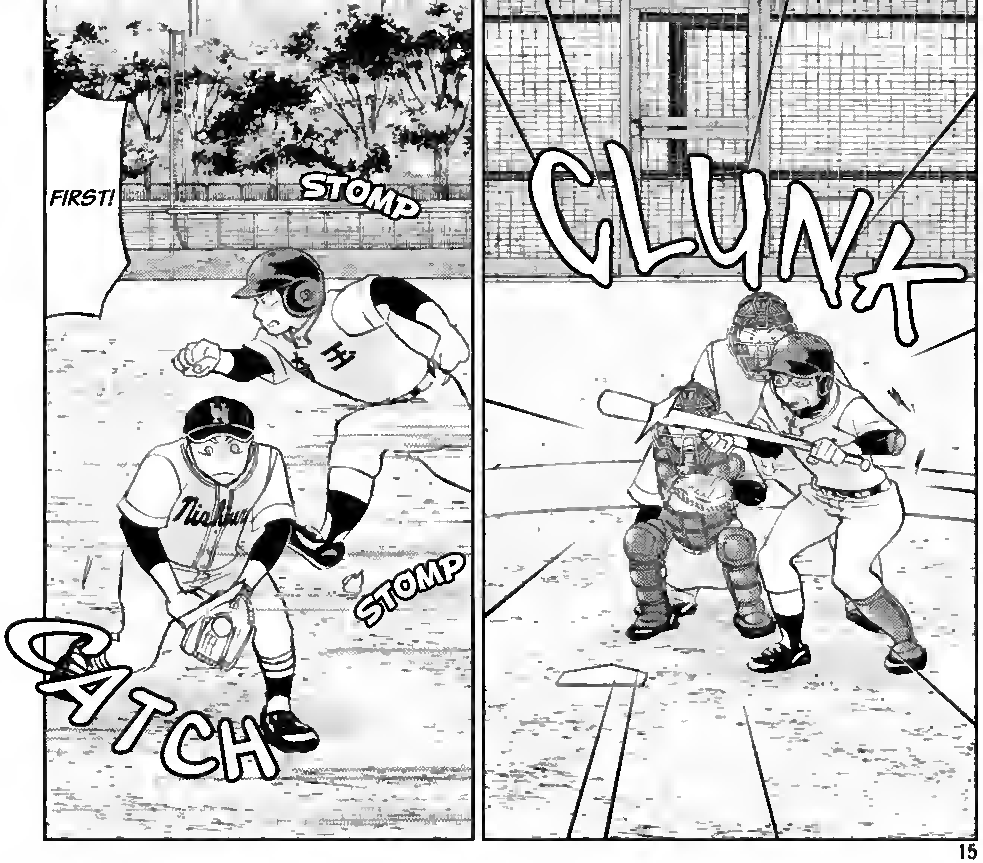
NO OUTS, RUNNER ON SECOND, HUH?
PLEASE!
BATTING SIXTH, LEFT FIELDER TANAKA-KUN

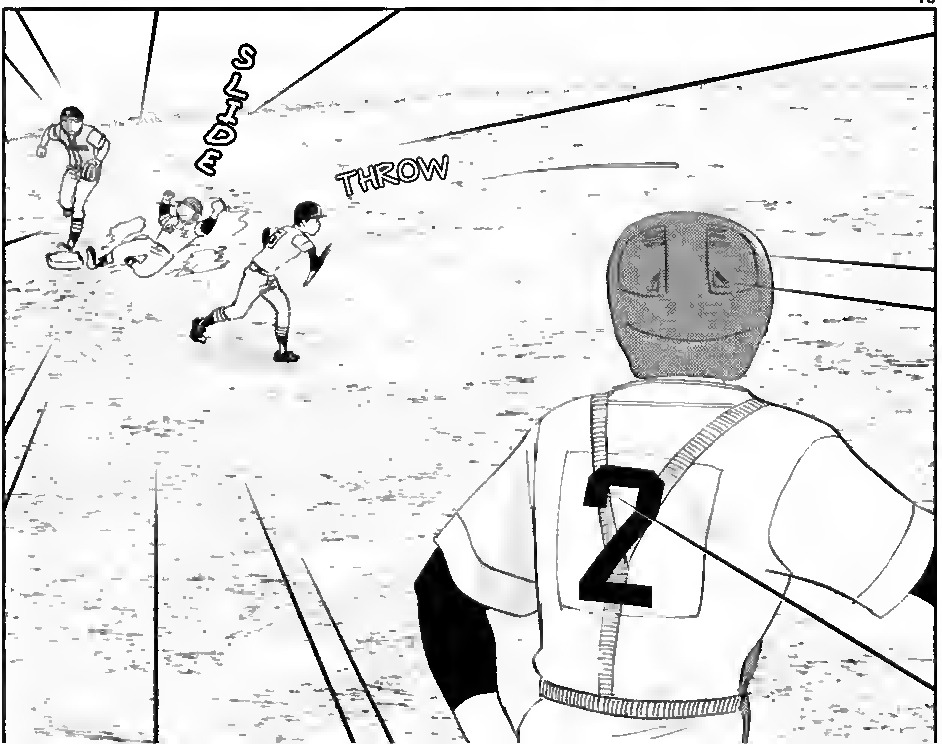
IN ALL 3 AT-BATS WE FINISHED HIM WITH INSIDE PITCHES
IN SUMMER TANAKA HIT A GROUNDER TO SHORTSTOP, A FLY TO LEFT FIELD AND A GROUNDER TO THIRD BASE,

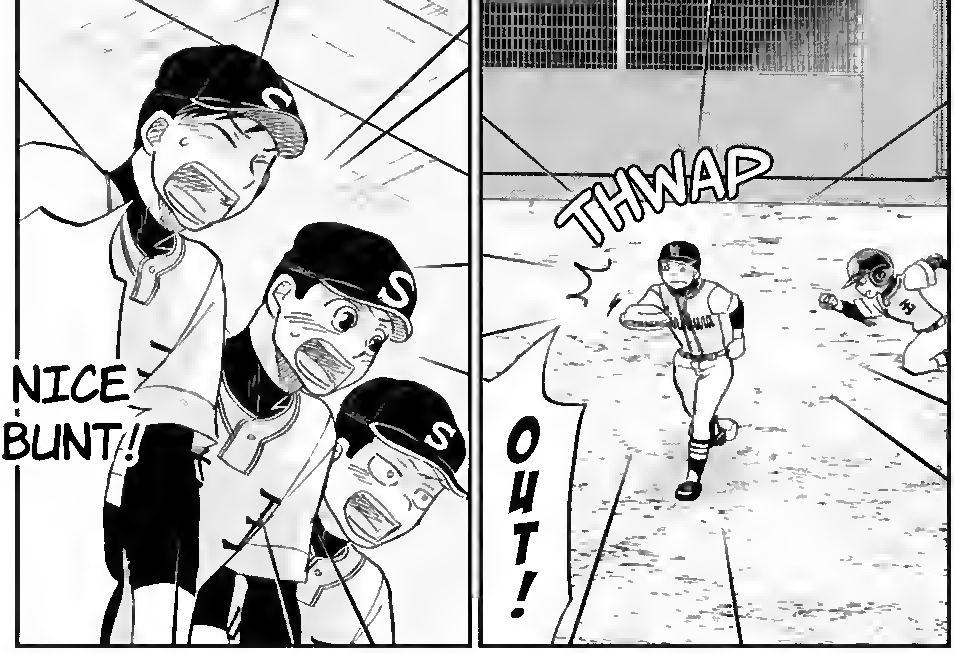
GOING TO WASTE A PITCH
WE'RE NOT
SET

LEAN
TU
RN
SHUUTO
INSIDE!

HES BUNT-ING?!
DASH


FIRST!
STOMP
CATCH
STOMP
CLUNK


SLIDE
THROW
2


NICE BUNT!
THWAP
OUT!

TOSS
崎玉
RUN

SO IT'S NATURAL WE DON'T KNOW SAKITAMA'S ATTACK PATTERNS
PAT
IN THE SUMMER TOURNA-MENT THEY ALMOST NEVER HAD RUNNERS,
PAT

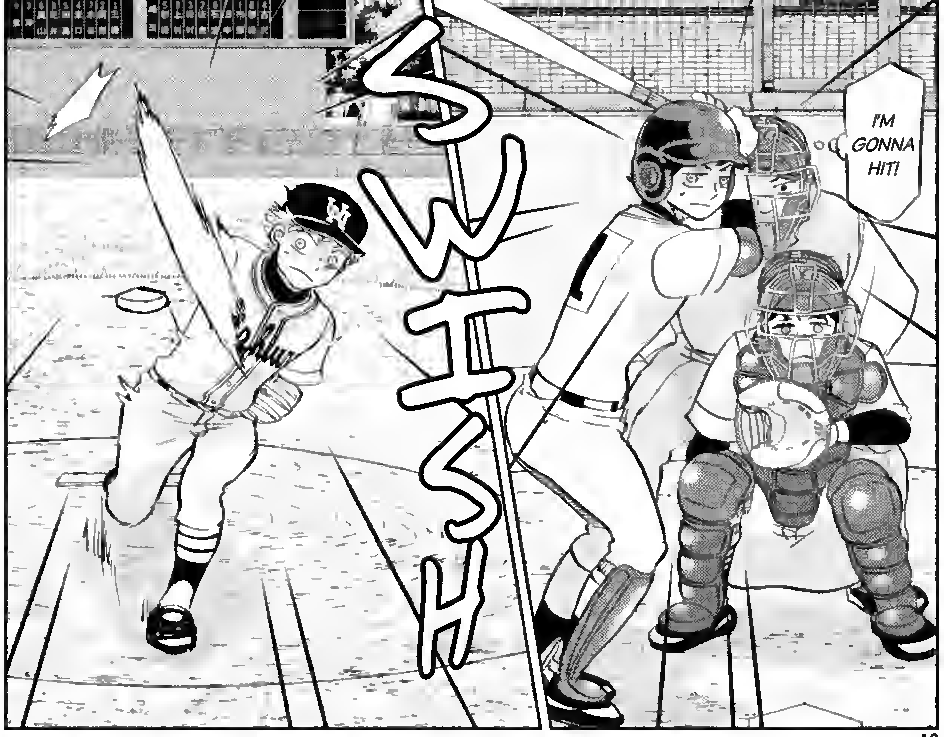
BATTING SEVENTH, PITCHER, ICHIHARA-KUN
THEY ARE PROBABLY ON GUARD FOR A SQUEEZE
PLEASE!
崎 玉
THEY'LL PROBABLY TRY A SQUEEZE OVER A HIT
NEXT IS ICHI-HARA

IT TOOK 5 PITCHES FOR TOMO TO MAKE THEM THROW A GOOD PITCH INSIDE
I'LL USE MY HEAD TOO!
THE QUESTION IS WHAT THEY'LL PITCH HERE

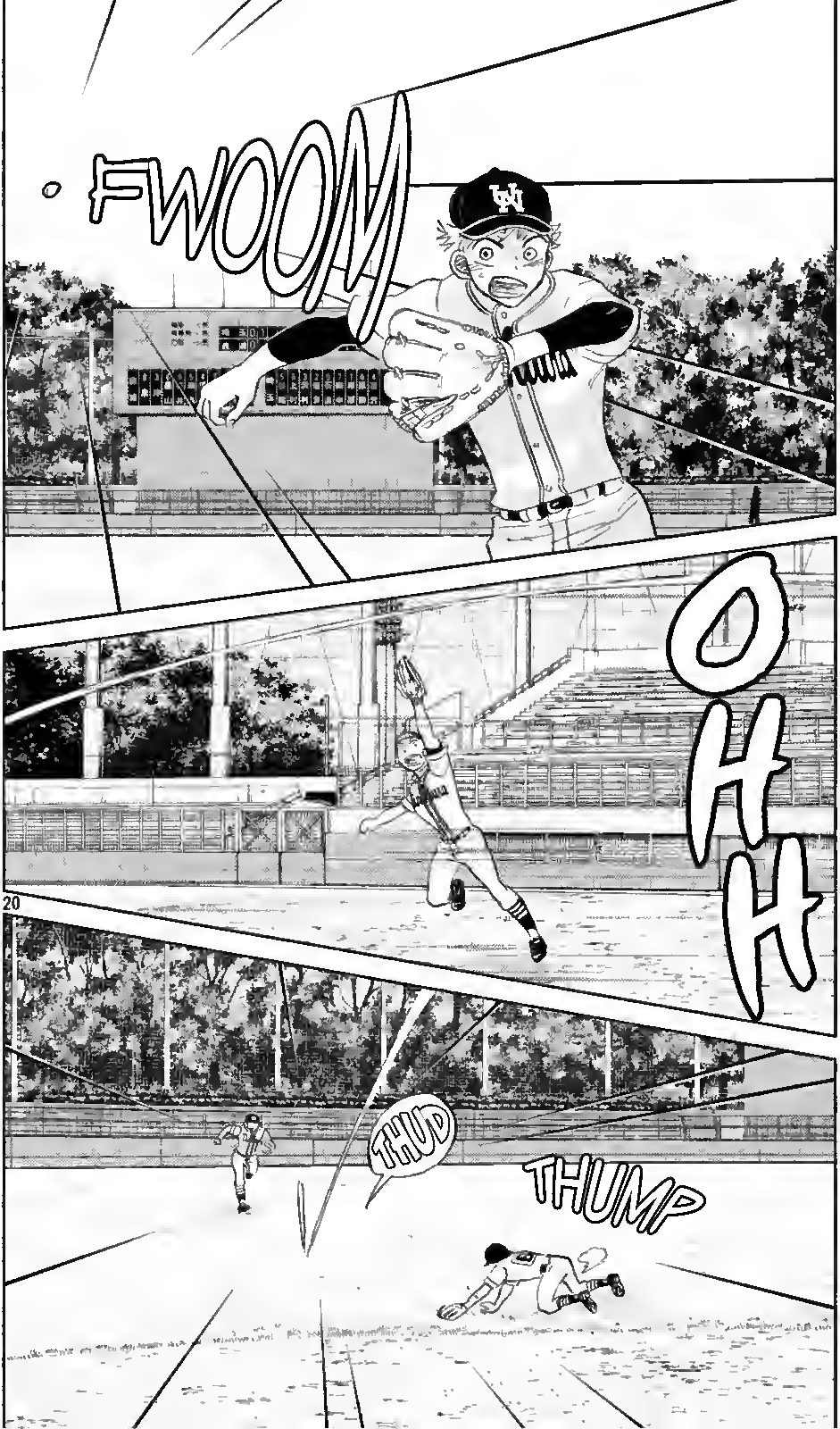
FOR SOME REASON MIHASHI ALMOST NEVER PITCHES FAST-BALLS,
WHICH NAR-ROWS IT DOWN TO A SHUUTO!
IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PITCHES THAT ARE HARD TO BUNT,
THEN IT'S EITHER A FASTBALL HIGH INSIDE OR A DROP-PING BALL

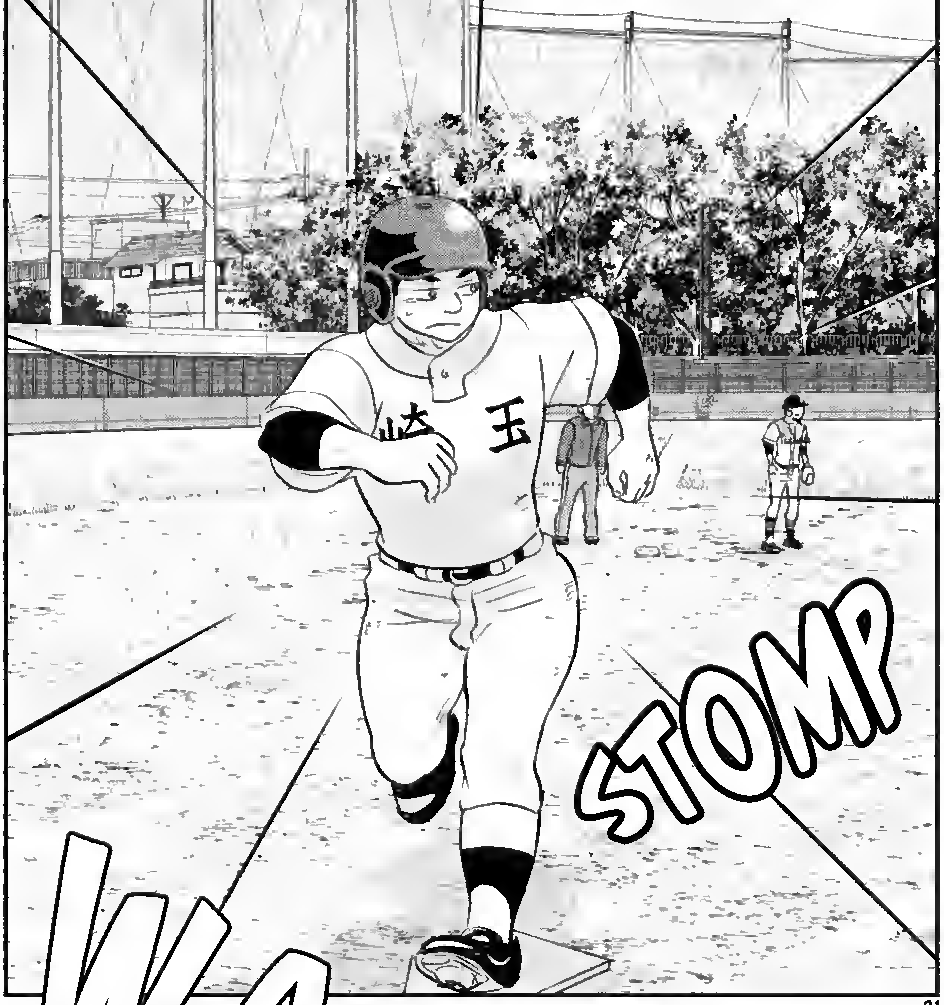
ムニエエト
OUT-SIDE

TU
SHUUTO!
RN


I'M GONNA HIT!
SWISH

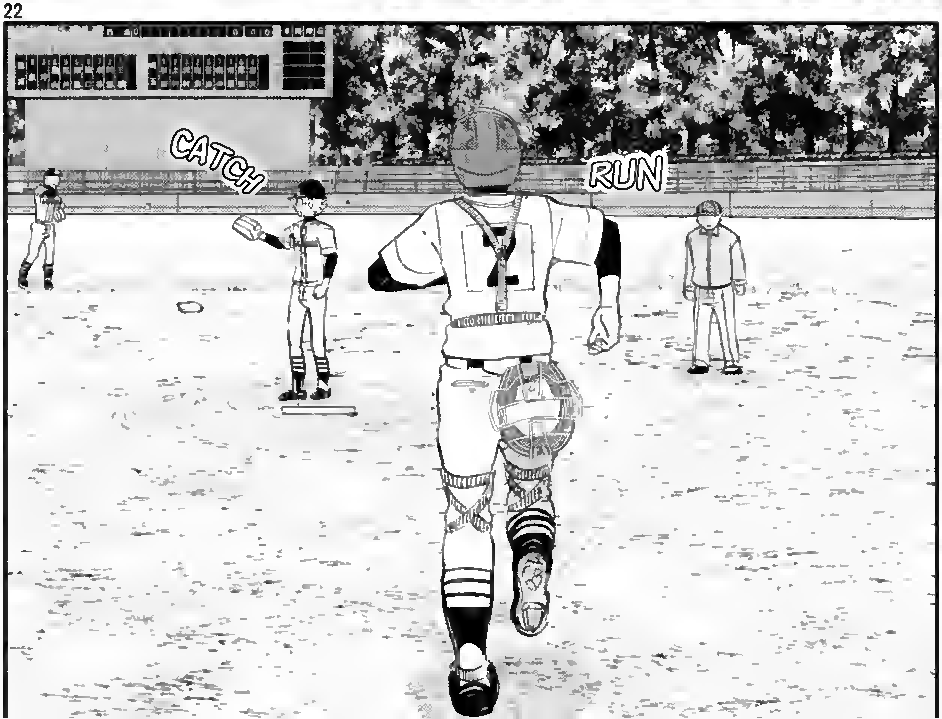
KLINK


FWOOM
OHH
THUD
THUMP


STOMP

WA
AAH

埼玉
NICE BAT-TING!!

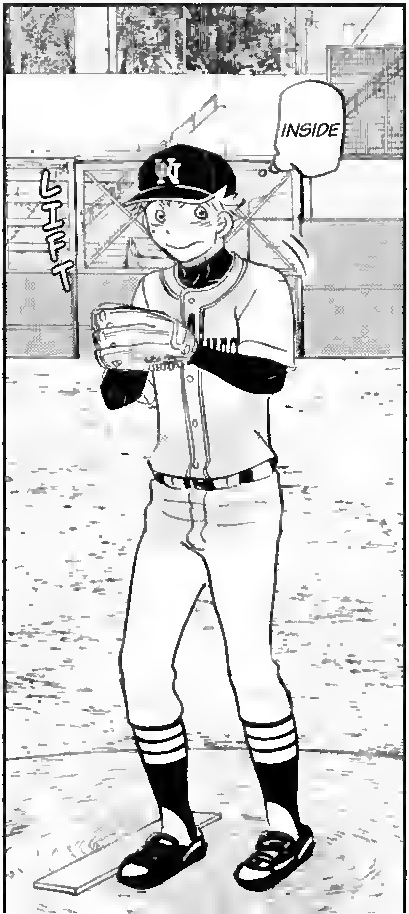

CATCH
RUN

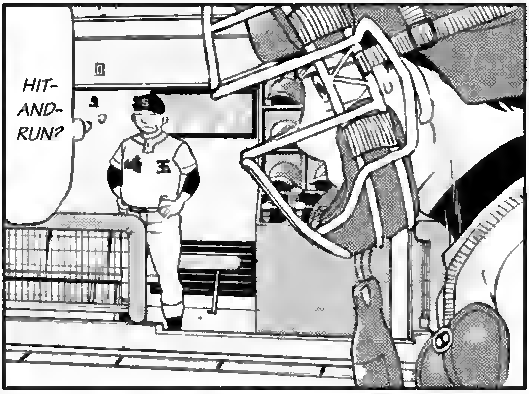
YE-
AH!
WE'LL STOP THEIR MOMEN-TUM
AND MAKE THEM HIT INTO A DOUBLE PLAY!

THEY SCORED 2 RUNS FIRST ...!
IT'S THE REVERSE OF LAST TIME
RUN

PLEASE!
BATTING EIGHTH. SHORT-STOP HARADA-KUN

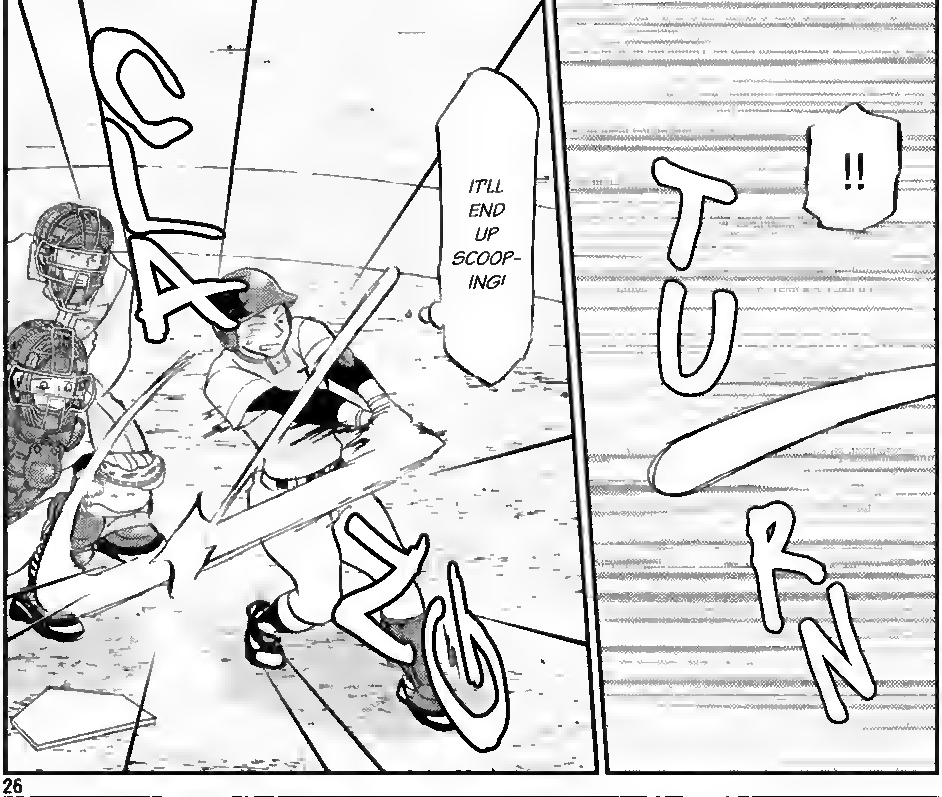
PLAY!
?
HE DIDN'T TAKE THIS STANCE BEFORE, RIGHT?
IS HE AIMING FOR AN OUTSIDE PITCH?
AS TOMO SAID...
IT'S STILL 1 OUT. I'LL TURN IT TO THE TOP OF THE LINEUP
STOMP


INSIDE
レフト

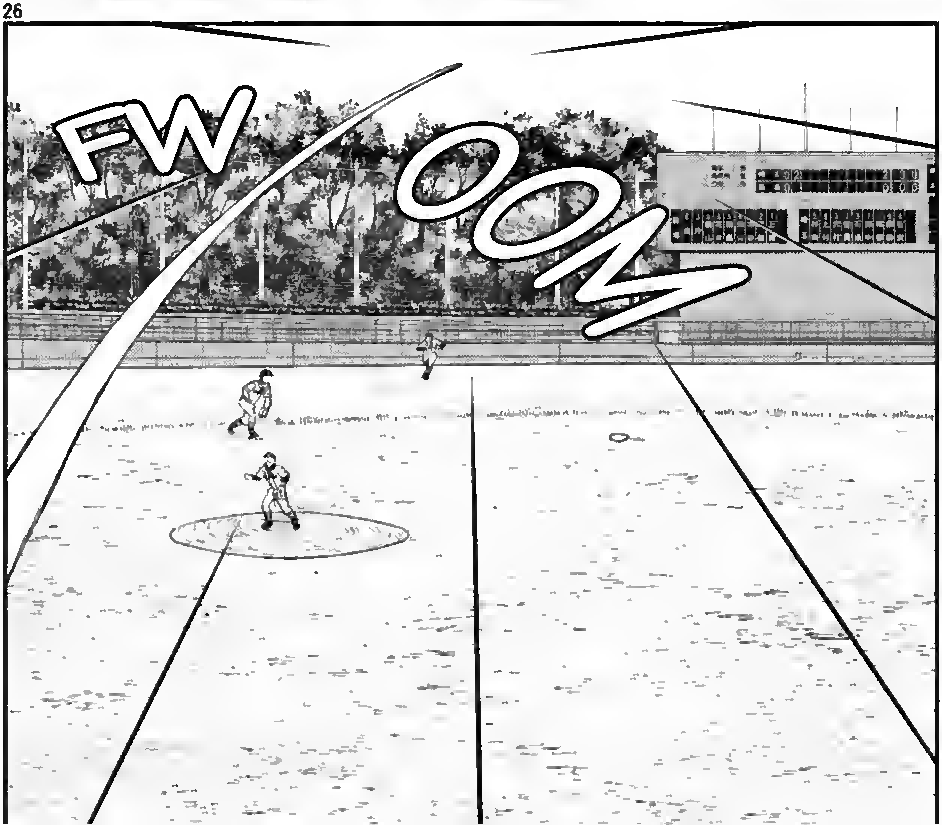

HIT-AND-RUN?

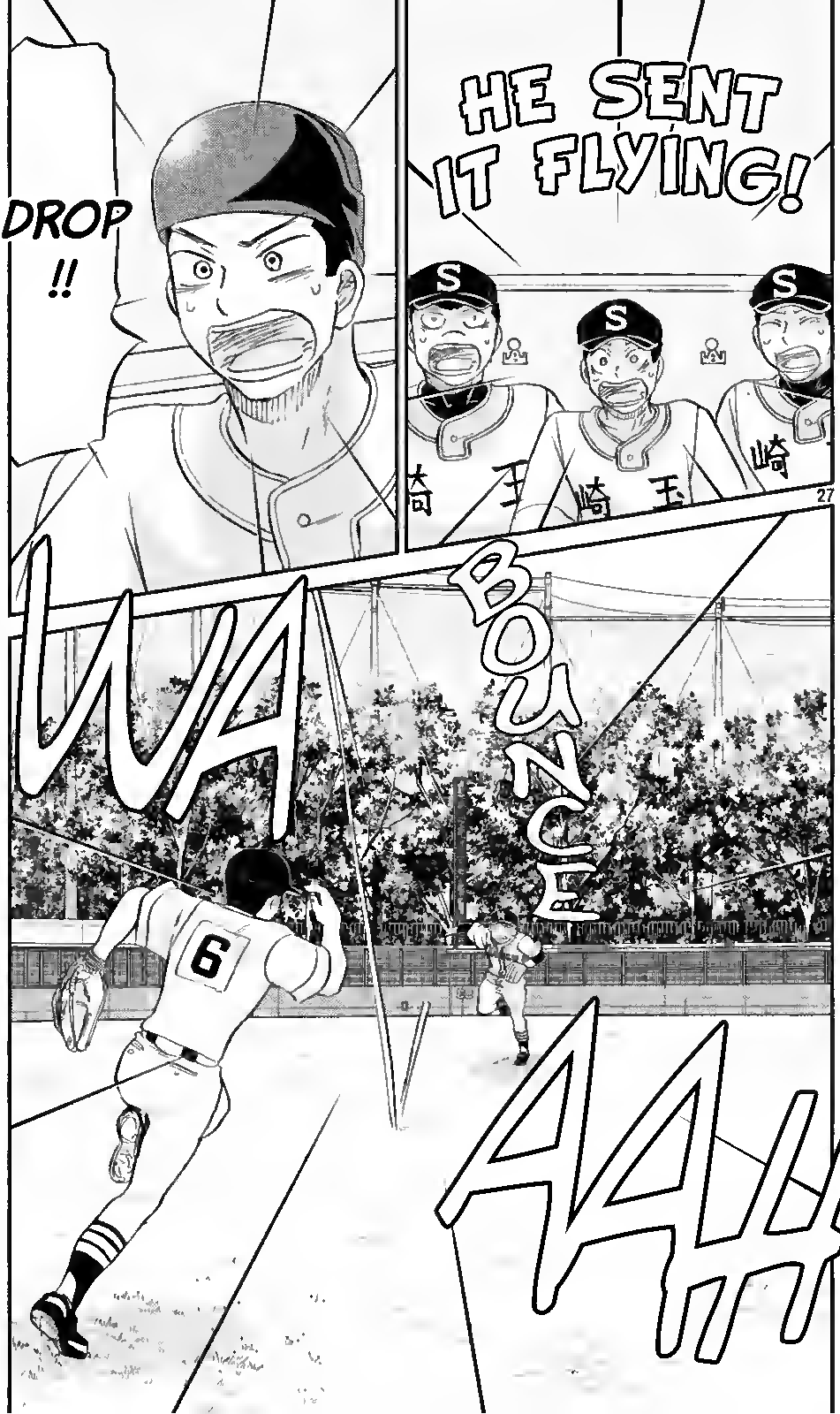
IT'S POSSIBLE THEY'LL PLAY HARD TO GET SOME INSURANCE RUNS
THEY TOOK 2 POINTS IN THIS INNING
PAT
PAT

INSIDE!
THROW
SHUUTO!
AH
CLENCH
STEP

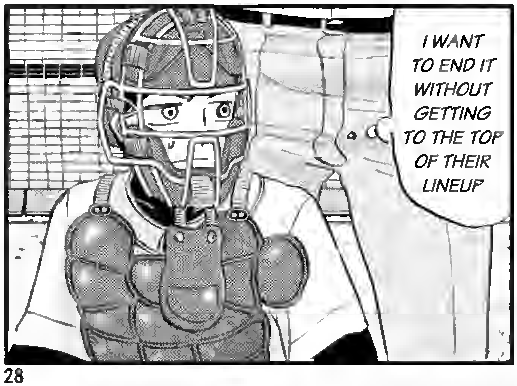


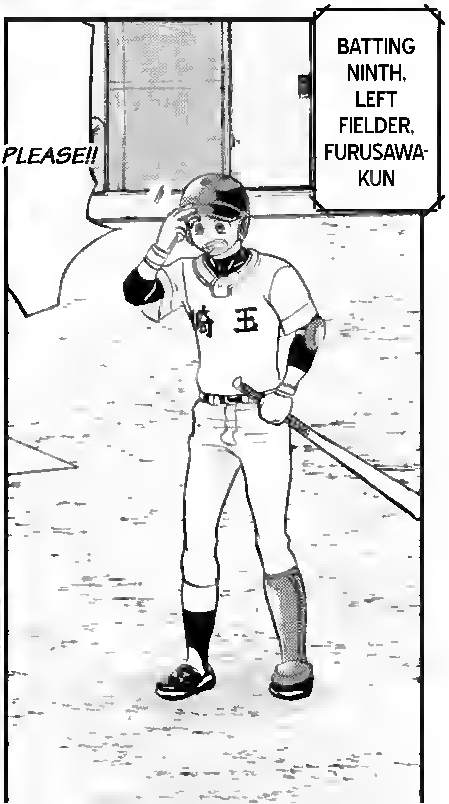
T/n Scooping is when a player's bat gets underneath the pitch and creates lazy fly balls




HE SENT IT FLYING!
DROP !!
S
S
S
崎
玉
崎
玉
27
WA
BOUNCE
AAH
6

ACCHAN, DO IIIT!!
BOUNCE!
BUMP
YAY!
NICE


I WANT TO END IT WITHOUT GETTING TO THE TOP OF THEIR LINEUP

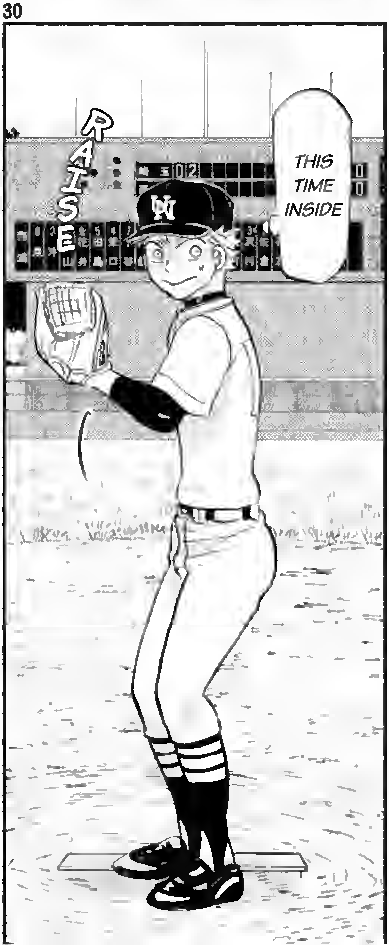

BATTING NINTH, LEFT FIELDER, FURUSAWA-KUN
PLEASE!!
埼玉

THIS TIME A DOUBLE PLAY FOR SURE

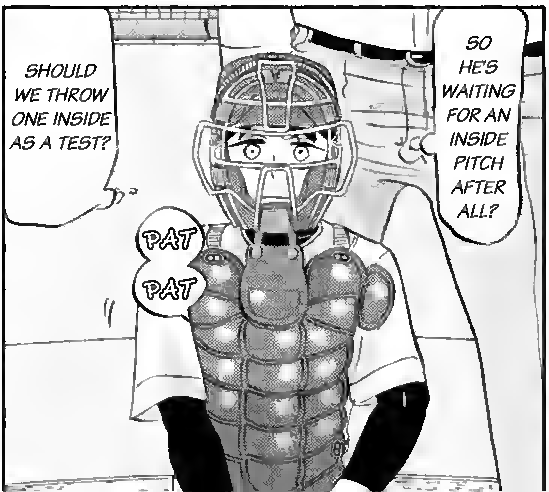
IS HE ALSO PLANNING TO STEP INSIDE AND HIT?
STAND-ING DIAGO-NALLY AGAIN
PAT PAT
PLAY!
RAISE
SO THEY AREN'T AIMING FOR AN OUTSIDE PITCH?
29
SMACK
STRIKE!
I'LL MAKE HIM HIT
AND GET AN OUT!
LIFT

LET'S GO ON THE OFFEN-SIVE!
SWING!

THEY PITCHED OUTSIDE THOUGH ?!

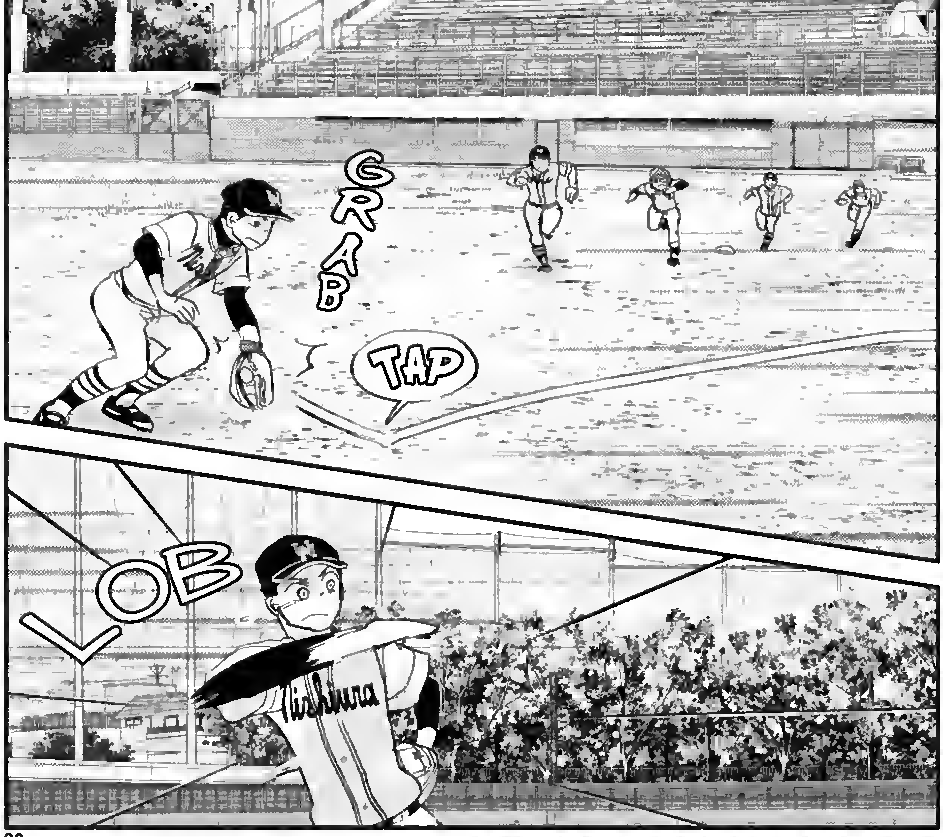

RAISE
THIS TIME INSIDE

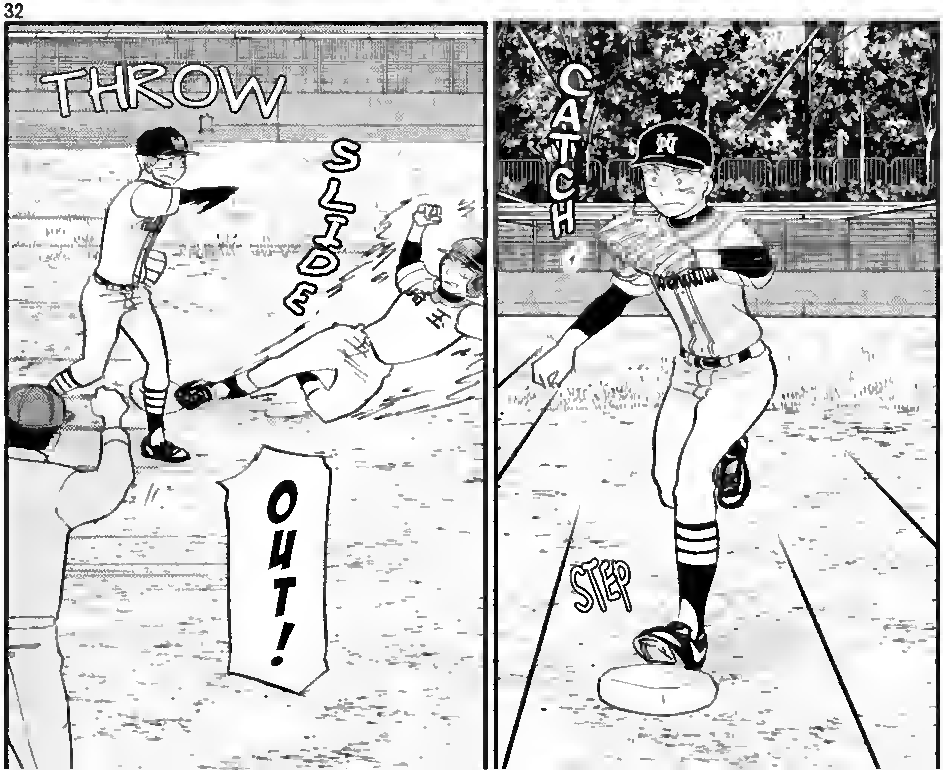
IT'S NOT LIKE I SHOULD ONLY HIT IT IF IT'S INSIDE
RIGHT

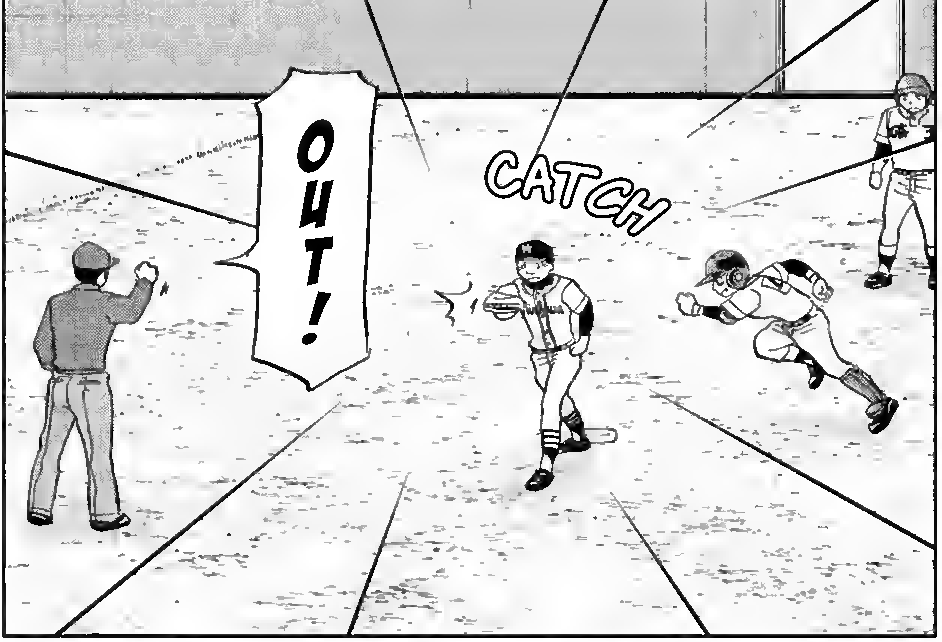

SHOULD WE THROW ONE INSIDE AS A TEST?
SO HE'S WAITING FOR AN INSIDE PITCH AFTER ALL?
PAT
PAT

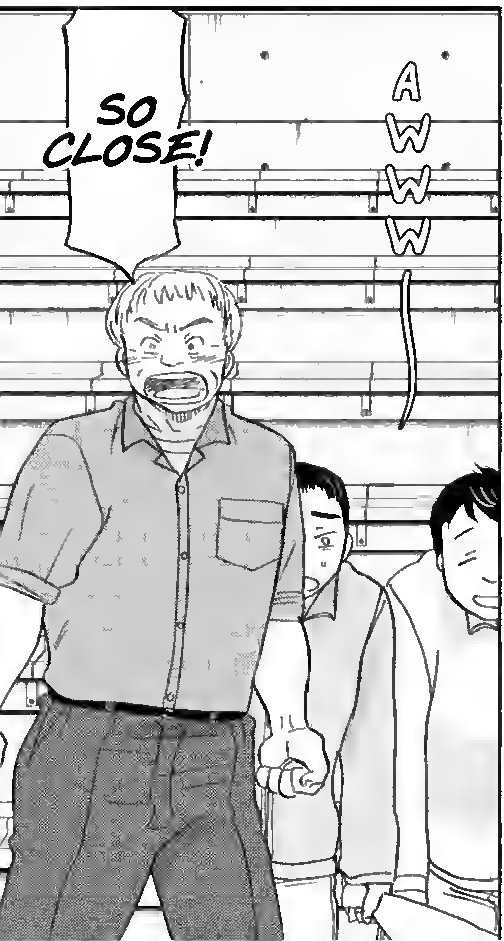
SHUUTO!
TWIST
TH
ROAR
1

CL
ANG
IN-
SIDE...
CRAP!


GRAB
TAP
LOB

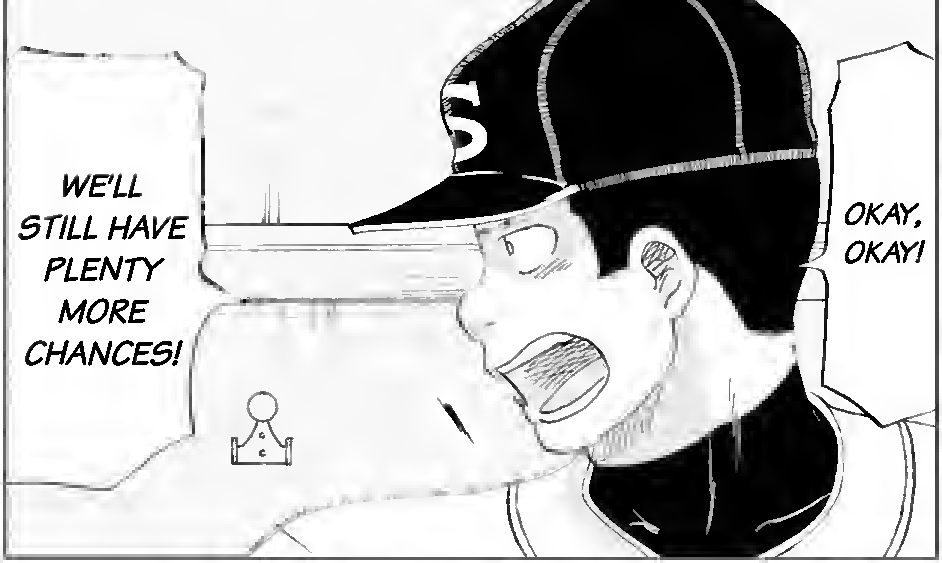

THROW
SLIDE
OUT!
CATCH
STEP


OUT!
CATCH


SO CLOSE!
AWWW

YEAH! NICE PITCH-ING!
NieRiva

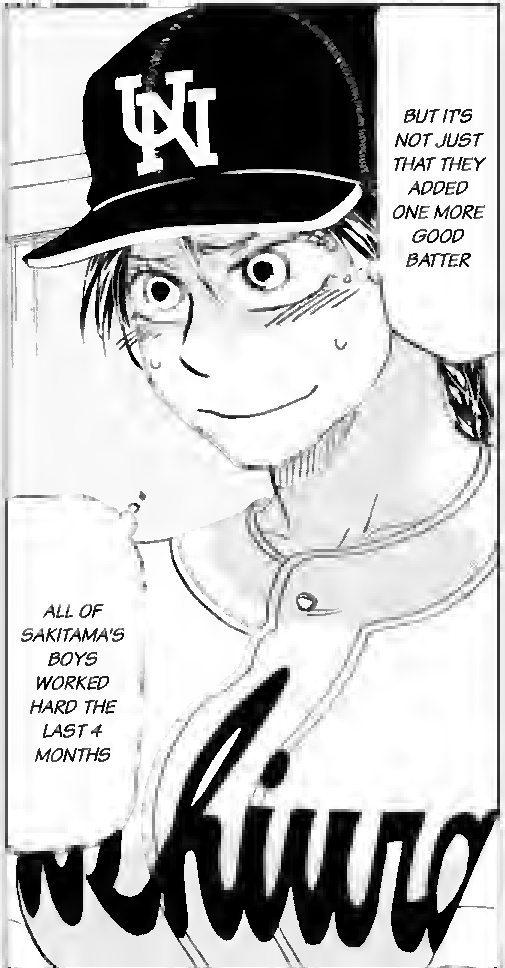
NICE PLAY, THIRD!
NI-
NieRiva


WE'LL STILL HAVE PLENTY MORE CHANCES!
OKAY, OKAY!

OO-
OHH!!
LET'S DEFEND TIGHT!
崎 玉
崎 玉
崎 玉
崎 玉

REVENGE!
ECSTATIC
ECSTATIC

WHY'D IT SOUND ODD BEFORE?!
FOR REAL ?!
THAT WORD DOESN'T SOUND SO ODD NOW


ALL OF SAKITAMA'S BOYS WORKED HARD THE LAST 4 MONTHS
BUT IT'S NOT JUST THAT THEY ADDED ONE MORE GOOD BATTER

WE MANAGED TO END IT ON A HIGH NOTE

WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU, CAPTAIN!
OKAY, WE ALSO START FROM OUR CLEAN-UP HITTER!
Nishiura

OHH!!
OUR COUNTERATTACK IS JUST BEGINNING!

A NOTE FROM THE AUTHOR

HIGUCHI ASA

CHAPTER 133

Did you watch Kouzuma-sensei in NHK's "Help me! Master"? The subject of "mental training" was splendidly covered there~ Naturally, for people doing sports, and even for people who don't, it's worth knowing that you can train your mental strength!